PERO SEIN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN RE:

RAFAEL ANGEL CASIANO TORRES

Social Security: xxx-xx-1125

CASE NO. 22-03446-EAG

Address:

URB. CONDADO MODERNO L35 CALLE 16

CAGUAS, PR 00725

DEBTOR

CHAPTER 13

MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO CONSIGN FUNDS

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW Debtor, represented by Legal Partners, PSC., and through the undersigned attorney respectfully represents and prays as follows:

- 1. The Debtor's proposed plan provides among other things to make direct postpetition mortgage payments to Carmen Teresa Figueroa Maldonado & Sucn. José Vega Muñiz.
- 2. As provided under the plan, debtor went to make the corresponding payments, but Carmen Teresa Figueroa Maldonado & Sucn. José Vega Muñiz officer and/or employees refused to accept from Debtor the offered payments.
- 3. Accordingly, in order to comply with the plan provisions, the existing agreement and to avoid any late charges, cost or related expenses, Debtor is forced to consign Carmen Teresa Figueroa Maldonado & Sucn. José Vega Muñiz monthly mortgage payment, that where refused, until this controversy is resolved.

- 4. This request for consignment is proper pursuant to 31 L.P.R.A. 3180¹, because creditor has refused to accept the payment without reasons. Also, this motion serves as notice to creditor pursuant to 31 L.P.R.A. 3181², see also <u>Veve v. The Fajardo Sugar Growers' Association</u>, 18 P.R.R. 277, 1912 PR Sup. LEXIS 58 (P.R. 1912), dismissed, <u>Veve De Belaval v. Fajardo Sugar Growers' Asso.</u>, 235 U.S. 713, 35 S. Ct. 207, 59 L. Ed. 437, 1914 U.S. LEXIS 1030 (U.S. 1915). Furthermore, pursuant to 31 L.P.R.A. 3183³ creditor shall be liable for expenses and attorney fees if this consignment becomes adversarial or contested, see <u>Jose Ruiz de Val v. Lucia Morales vda. de Riefkohl.</u>, 40 P.R.R. 742, 1930 PR Sup. LEXIS 103 (P.R. 1930). Should creditor move to accept the payments offered which we are seeking leave to consign, we will provided them to creditor's counsel and this request to consign will be moot and unnecessary.
- 5. The Debtor hereby requests leave to consign with this Court the amount of \$973.84, pursuant to General Order 12-04.

³¹ L.P.R.A. 3180 - If the creditor to whom the tender of payment has been made should refuse to accept it, without reason, the debtor shall remain released from all liability by the consignation of the thing due.

The same effect shall be produced by the consignation alone when made in the absence of the creditor, or when the latter should be incapacitated to accept the payment when it is due, and when several persons claim to have a right to collect it, or when the instrument mentioning the obligation has been mislaid.

² 31 L.P.R.A. 3181 - In order that the consignation of the thing due may release the obligor, notice thereof must previously be given to the persons interested in the fulfilment of the obligation.

Consignation shall have no effect when not strictly in accordance with the provisions governing payment.

³¹ L.P.R.A. 3181 - The expenses of the consignation, when proper, shall be charged to the creditor

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WHEREFORE the appearing party prays from this Honorable Court to grant this motion.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the **CM/ECF** system which will send notification, upon information and belief, of such filing to: Monsita Lecaroz Arribas, Esq., U.S. Trustee's Office, and José R. Carrión, Esq., in addition to any and all parties registered in this case to receive **CM/ECF Notices**. We will serve by regular mail this document to any the above-named persons, upon knowing that they are non **CM/ECF participants**.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL: I hereby certify that a true copy of this writing, was mailed, via **regular prepaid U.S. mail**, to: Carmen Teresa Figueroa Maldonado & Sucn. José Vega Muñiz, P.O. Box 7802, Ponce, P.R. 00732; Josephine M. Rodríguez Ríos, Esq., Prieto & Asociados Law Offices, P.O. Box 889, Fajardo, P.R. 00728.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In Carolina, Puerto Rico, December 14, 2022

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